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### **Man Sentenced in Fatal Hit and Run**

#### **- Had Been Drinking Before Crash -**

WASHINGTON - Calvin Stewart, 27, of the District, was sentenced today to a total of 96 months in prison after earlier pleading guilty to one count of involuntary manslaughter. The sentencing, which took place before the Honorable Lynn Leibovitz in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, was announced by U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr.

The charges arose as a result of a fatal motor vehicle-pedestrian crash. On Dec. 28, 2009, at approximately 1:20 a.m., Stewart was driving a white Cadillac at a high rate of speed southbound on 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW. At the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> and Park Road, he failed to stop for a red light and struck Angel Bridges in the crosswalk as she attempted to cross 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

The victim, 38, was critically injured and was pronounced dead at the scene. The defendant fled the scene without stopping. He also was observed passing through a red light at 16<sup>th</sup> and Irving Street a short time later. He abandoned his vehicle in the 1600 block of L Street NW and fled on foot.

Other witnesses had observed the Cadillac being operated in a reckless manner before the collision. It later became known that Stewart had been drinking before the crash. He later tried to make a missing auto report on his vehicle before the police determined who was driving at the time the victim was struck.

In announcing today's sentencing, United States Attorney Machen praised the investigative efforts of Lead Detective Sheryl Harley and Detective Michael Miller of the Metropolitan Police Department's Major Crash Investigation Unit, Marcy Rinker of the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office, Paralegal specialist Sandra Lane, and Assistant United States Attorney John J. Soroka of the Homicide Section who prosecuted the case.

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